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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-EXAMINING  
GROUP 1756**

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Application of :  
Ryoji HAGIWARA et al. :  
Serial No. 10/016,830 : Group Art Unit - 1756 ✓  
Filed: December 13, 2001 : Examiner - Christopher G. Young  
For: CHARGED PARTICLE PROCESS- :  
ING FOR FORMING PATTERN :  
BOUNDARIES AT A UNIFORM :  
THICKNESS : Docket No. S004-4504

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
UNDER RULE 116**

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In response to the final Office Action dated  
December 16, 2003, applicants amend their application as  
follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEES:**

No additional fees are believed required in  
connection with this response; however, should it be  
determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to  
charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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